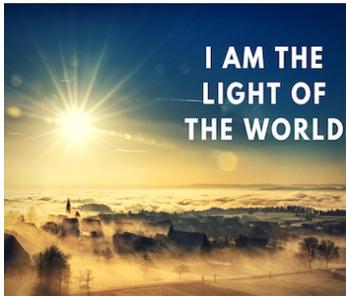


THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Francis Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 8
4:30pm

Sunday, February 9
8:00am †Thomas D. MacLane
Requested by Kathleen & James Carney
10:00am †John McLoughlin
Requested by Family
12:00nn †Tara Higgins
(7th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by the Higgins Family

Monday, February 10
7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, February 11
7:00am †Rev. Francis J. Tuite
(2nd Pastor)
10⁴th Anniversary Remembrance

Thursday, February 13
7:00am †Rev. John A. O'Rourke
(8th Pastor)
83rd Anniversary Remembrance

Friday, February 14
7:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran
Requested by Family

Saturday, February 15
4:30pm †Jeannette DeLuca
Requested by Family

Sunday, February 16
8:00am †Mr. & Mrs. Thu Chi Tran & John Ha
Requested by Family
10:00am †David Splaine
Requested by John & Patty Grimes
12:00nn †Mark Potter
Requested by his Mother, Barbara

St. Romuald Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 9
10:00am †John Estes
(4th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Wife & Family

Sunday, February 16
10:00am †Kyle Coutu
(10th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Family



SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Mrs. Chi Tran.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 26

- 7:00am Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- 4:15pm Liturgy of the Word w/ distribution of Ashes
- 6:30pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes



Weekly Support	February 2
Budget envelopes used (209)	- \$5,932.50
Loose Donations	- \$1,062.00
Online Giving (# of donors-66)	- \$2,126.00
Total Budget	- \$9,120.50
Second Collection (St. Vincent De Paul Society)	
Budget envelopes used (150)	- \$3,189.50
Loose Donations	- \$ 581.00
Total Budget	- \$3,770.50

There is no second collection this week. Next week's second collection is for Ongoing Maintenance.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

From the Pastor,

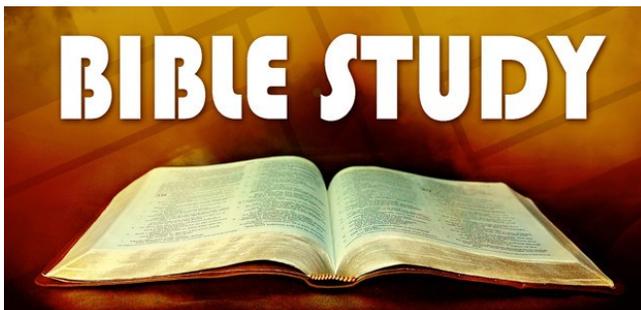
You may have noticed in last week's bulletin that the previous weekend's collections were significantly higher than usual. Don't be deceived: this was due to several extraordinary gifts and to the fact that some people make an annual donation instead of giving week by week or month by month. As I have often pointed out: sooner or later the Catholics of any particular area are going to have to decide whether or not they want a local parish. If they don't, then that parish will close; if they do, they'll have to come up with the funds to support it. We are doing our best to hold down expenses. Still, the bills have to be paid.

One of my local colleagues is of the opinion that in the future there will be about six parishes in the whole state of Rhode Island. I am more optimistic and think there will be at least a dozen. But who knows? Maybe things will turn around suddenly and it will again become fashionable to go to church. In the meantime I am astonished at how many people expect a local parish to provide services for them when they contribute nothing at all to the sustenance of the place. And I am not talking about people who don't have the financial resources. If you hear of any of these Catholics complaining about "welfare queens" in our society, please spit in their eye. As the demon said to our Lord, "My name is Legion for we are many."

I cannot adequately express my gratitude to all of you who do your fair share to ensure the continuation of "The Mother Church of South County." God bless you!

Fr. Bodah

One of our loyal, long-term parishioners is now a college student who would like to participate in a mission trip to West Virginia during the upcoming spring break and asks the help of his fellow parishioners in raising \$300 toward the cost of this venture. Please contact him directly at bendalylabelle@gmail.com.



Beginning February 4 our bible study class began studying the book of Isaiah.

It is not too late to join this class. They meet every Tuesday night in Father Greenan Center at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in this study please contact Vicky @ Montanivicky@gmail.com to order the study book. This class will continue until Easter.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(401) 792-8684



Sunday, February 9th

8:55-9:50am Grades K-6 (FGC)

9:00am First Eucharist Parent Meeting in HBH

10:00am Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00am Catechist Meeting (FGC)

Wednesday, February 12th

4:15-5:15pm Grades 3-6 (FGC)

6:30-7:45pm Grades 7, 8 & 9 (FGC)



This Week

Monday, February 10

7:30am Adoration (Church)

Tuesday, February 11

7:38am Finance Council Meeting (MCCR)

6:30pm Bible Study

7:00pm Choir (Church)

Thursday, February 13

6:30pm Alpha Group (FGC)

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

Monday, February 17

HOLIDAY-NO ADORATION-PARISH OFFICED CLOSED



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

NET Ministries, a national evangelization team consisting of 12 young adults will be leading our Confirmation Retreats again this year. They spend 10 months travelling the country leading retreats. During their stay in Rhode Island from March 7-9, our parish is responsible for providing lodging. Team members travel with their own sleeping bag so they are just looking for floor space, a hot shower and a meal. We are in need of parishioners to open their home to 2 (or more) NET team members. If you are interested in hosting them, please contact Diane Castro at 783-3924 or by email at dcastro82@gmail.com. Thank you.

Just a reminder that there are inspirational ***Catholic media CDs*** available at the side entrance (parking lot side) in the main church and at the chapel. Please be sure to take a moment to look them over.



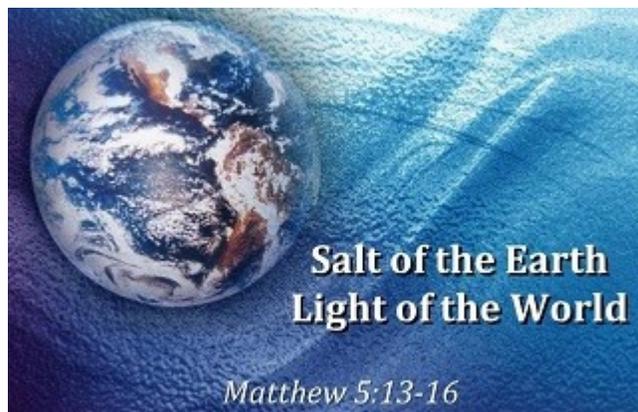
St. Vincent DePaul Society

Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area

(Gift cards are accepted). ***Please keep them in your prayers!***

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE JONNYCAKE CENTER: JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember we are always in need of nonperishable food items (no glass or outdated items). Your donations may be placed in the baskets located at St. Francis or St. Romuald. These items will be donated to the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Peace Dale. Thank you for your generosity.



Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."—A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew